

DEMOCRATS TO HELP PUSH BONUS AHEAD

Would Sidetrack Tariff
and Then Threaten to
Wreck Program.

STRATEGY IS DETECTED

Republican Leaders Aware
of Danger, but McCum-
ber Is Unmoved.

FLOOD OF AMENDMENTS

Minority Party to Propose Big
Cash Option Sought by
Raiders.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., June 3.
Democratic Senators, in favor of a
bonus bill decided today to support a
motion to be made next week by
Chairman McCumber of the Finance
Committee to lay aside the tariff bill
to consider bonus legislation.

In deciding on that program the
Democrats admit they have
put the Republicans in a hole, and
threaten to wreck their whole legis-
lative program. The hand of the Dem-
ocrats has been discovered by the Re-
publican leaders, who have appealed,
without success, to Chairman McCum-
ber to withhold his plan for the im-
mediate consideration of the bonus bill.

While Chairman McCumber failed to
obtain the promise of Democratic Sen-
ators to abstain from a filibuster on the
bonus bill, he did succeed in gaining
enough promises to insure a majority
vote in favor of bringing his bill before
the Senate when he so desires. Once
the bill is before the Senate the Demo-
cratic strategy will become apparent
and the Republican leaders will discover
that they have been placed in a predic-
ament.

Cash Option Amendment.
Soon after Chairman McCumber gets
his bill before the Senate the Demo-
crats, led by Senator Simmons (N. C.),

will offer an amendment providing for a
cash option. They will argue that the
American Legion desires above all
things such a provision. Of course they
realize they have not enough votes to
put over that plan, but they will put
the Republicans on record, and they
believe any and all Republicans who
vote against that option will be discred-
ited more or less by the American
Legion and the ex-service men back
home.

Senator Bursum (N. M.) will add to
the confusion of the Republican bonus
advocates by urging his bill, which also
provides for a cash option, 50 per cent,
of which is payable at once, the re-
mainder in five years.

Once that proposal is disposed of the
Democrats will insist on many amend-
ments to the pending McCumber bill,
all of which will lead to protracted de-
bate. To add to the distress of Chair-
man McCumber, the anti-bonus Sen-
ators intend to bombard the proposal for
"adjusted compensation" from all sides
at every opportunity.

Democratic Senators realize they hold
the whip hand, on both the tariff and
the bonus bill, and they intend to make
the most of the situation. Those in
favor of the bonus bill for the most
part are bitterly opposed to the McCum-
ber measure, and they will not support
it unless it is radically amended. Their
chief concern is to go on record in
favor of some sort of a bonus bill, which
they think will placate the ex-service
men voters.

McCumber's Failure to Make Good.
They are not disposed to go to the
rescue of Chairman McCumber, whose
failure to make good on his promise to
obtain a bonus for the ex-service men
has supplied his political opponents with
fine ammunition in his home State. The
merit of the idea is not so much an
issue in Senator McCumber's home
State as his failure to make good on
his promise.

Senator Smoot also is unalterably op-
posed to the McCumber bill and he will
lead a fight in favor of a bonus bill
to be financed by a sales tax. He prob-
ably will be supported by Senator Edge
(N. J.) and other Senators who are
anxious to have the sales tax method
of raising revenue tested.

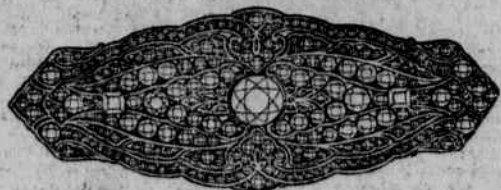
President Harding's stand in opposi-
tion to the pending bonus bill makes
confusion more confounded. Despite the
President's repeated statements that
he is in favor only of a bonus bill
financed by a sales tax, Senator Wat-
son (Ind.) and others close to the Ad-
ministration say they are sure a bonus
bill will be enacted at this session of
Congress. Senator Watson refuses to
disclose the basis for his optimism.

Republicans who are anxious to have
the tariff bill passed at this session look
askance upon the McCumber program
for the bonus legislation. They ex-
press the fear that once the bill is
presented to the Senate it will be fol-
lowed by a flood of bills sponsored by
the Democrats. Warning along that
line was sounded by Senator Underwood
(Ark.), the minority leader, who told
Chairman McCumber such a procedure
would be likely to follow should he es-
tablish the precedent of making the
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